WHEREAS, Full equality between men and women does not exist in the world today; and,

WHEREAS, The quality of human life can be improved only if all of humanity strives for full equality and consequent personhood; and,

WHEREAS, The United Nations has designated 1975 as International Women's Year to encourage moves at national, regional, and international levels to promote full equality in such areas as law, economic rights, education, family, and home; and,

WHEREAS, The United Nation's Commission on the Status of Women has particularly urged measures to relieve the burdens of rural women; and,

WHEREAS, This proclamation seeks to create awareness and recognition that men and women have equal rights and obligations towards themselves as individuals, towards their children as parents, and towards their societies as citizens; and,

WHEREAS, International Women's Year is an event in which both men and women are invited to participate; and,

WHEREAS, 1975 is a year of preparation for celebration of America's Bicentennial in 1976 it is fitting, at this time, to arouse the consciousness of the world to the vital role of women; and,

WHEREAS, Women's contributions to issues of universal concern can no longer be ignored if there is to be real progress and development in the world; and,

WHEREAS, Eradication of discrimination on grounds of sex is a question of human rights and social justice:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim this new year, 1975, as

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR

and call upon all South Dakota citizens to join me in this observance. In so doing I urge all citizens to pay tribute to the achievements of women and seek to secure for women everywhere, those basic rights to which all human beings are entitled. I ask all citizens to lend their support to those activities and programs which will encourage and equip women to participate meaningfully and fully in our society at every level.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre the Capital City, this 6th day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Five

Richard F. Kneip

ATTEST: RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

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LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

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